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For: SEALED BATTERY

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 2, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002, extended to January 1, 2003 by a 3 month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel** claims 3 and 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please **amend** claims 1 and 2 as indicated below:

1. (Amended) A sealed battery, accommodating a battery element of flat shape, said battery element, comprising:

a positive electrode and a negative electrode being laminated onto each other with a separator interposed between them and being wound together; and

a battery case containing said positive and negative electrode, comprising:

a plurality of walls forming the battery case with each wall of the plurality of walls having an inner surface and a flat outer surface, wherein the inner surface of one wall of the plurality of walls